

The World's Most Dreaded Hour

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“We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”

“Every one of us will give account of himself to God.”

Romans 14:10, 12



One thought stands out pre-eminently in all Scripture; that is, God *“has appointed a day in which He will judge the world”* (Acts 17:31). Reader, you’ll be there. Every man, every woman, every boy, and every girl will be there. Yes, all will be there. No one will be able to escape this appointment with God. Each tick of the clock brings the day, the hour, and the moment of this engagement with God closer and closer. Yet, thousands – yea, millions – are going on, swiftly, silently, but surely into eternity unprepared to meet God. Oh, my sinner friend, your feet right now are standing on life’s shifting sand. Tomorrow your footprints may be seen, but you’ll be gone, gone into eternity. Look at your hands, your feet, and see how busy they are. You are planning for the future, aren’t you? But what future? The one that tomorrow ends? Or the one that will take you safely and securely before the judgment seat of Christ?

Yes, here you are alive today, walking about. Tomorrow, there you are, eyes closed, hands cold and stiff. You’re gone. Gone to await your appointment with God. Others whom you well remember were once here, busy as you are, but

they’re gone – gone on into eternity. Your friends, your relatives, those who once meant so much to you, they’re gone. And worst of all, many of these dear ones have gone on to meet God unprepared. The face of that loved one still lingers with you, but he’s gone; she’s gone. He has entered into eternity to await the Judgment.



Now, reader, your time is nearing. You are growing older fast. Will you ask yourself this question: *“Am I ready to meet God and receive my sentence?”* The Lord is speaking to you this very moment. Listen! Don’t turn him away. He may never speak like this to you again. Get yourself together and face the fact that you will spend eternity somewhere. And where will it be? Hell awaits all who refuse God’s plan of salvation. Reader, where will your dwelling place be in the world to come? You must decide that here. Today is the time. Tomorrow will be too late. Even one second after death will be too late.

You remember the story of the rich man and Lazarus. When Lazarus died, he was *“carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom.”* What bliss and unspeakable victory was his! *“The rich man also died”,* we are told, *“and was buried. And in hell, he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that they which would pass from here to you cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from there.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place*

of torment.’ Abraham said unto him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.’ And he said unto him, ‘If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.’”

What about it, reader, which way are you traveling? What choice have you made? I’ll know if you’ll answer this: Have you been born again? Do you really know that you are a child of God? Possibly you, like many others, don’t actually know what it means to be “born again”. Then answer this: Have you repented and been forgiven of your sins? Does the peace of God abide in your heart? Do you have God’s witness that you are truly converted (Acts 2:4; Rom. 8:15-16; 1Cor. 14:21-22)? Remember, *“It is the Spirit”,* John said, *“that bears witness”* (1Jn. 5:6). If you do not have this testimony of the Spirit, may I plead with you to obey the Word of God before it is too late. Please do not go on to meet God unprepared.

The Son of God died for you. Yes, dear one, for you he was despised by those he loved; for you he was brutally scourged with a Roman whip; for you a crown of thorns encircled his precious brow; for you the soldier’s spear brought blood from his dear side; for you he cried in agony and in triumph, *“It is finished!”* And because of him, for you the world’s most dreaded hour can be turned into a jubilant victory.



Paul warned the saints that *“we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he has done”* (2Cor. 5:10). And the exiled apostle John, while in the Spirit on the isle of Patmos, was given an awesome vision of God’s final Judgment: *“I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened. And another book was opened, which is*

the Book of Life, and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works” (Rev. 20:11-12).



Reader, we were there, both of us. John was there, too. Everybody was there. None was missing. Yes, it is just as Matthew tells us: *“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. And before him will be gathered all nations. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. Then will the king say unto them on his right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . .’ Then will he say to them on the left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. . . .’ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.”*

On which side of Jesus will you be? On the right or on the left? Now is the time to decide. It will be forever too late to change your decision once you depart from *“the earthly house of this tabernacle.”* One moment within the silence of eternity, and your eternal abode will be forever determined. My friend, the coming of Jesus, the great Judge of the universe, is nearing. Won’t you turn to him before it is too late? Won’t you open your heart to him now, turn from your sins, and ask him for his forgiveness? He will give you the assurance of his blessed Spirit if you will follow after him in trust and in surrender. Amen.

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